



MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 in a virtual Zoom webinar, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Michael S. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

Board members in attendance:

Michael S. Mason, Chairman  
Karen Fassuliotis, Vice Chairman  
Andreas Duus III  
Laura Erickson  
Debra Hess  
Miriam Kreuzer  
Elizabeth K. Krumeich  
Leslie Moriarty  
Jeffrey S. Ramer  
Leslie L. Tarkington

Selectmen: Fred Camillo, First Selectman; Jill K. Oberlander, Select-person; Lauren Rabin, Selectwoman

Staff: Aamina Ahmad, Assistant Town Attorney; Benjamin Branyan, Town Administrator, Robert Berry, Captain, Detective Division; James Heavey, Chief, Police Department

Guests: Axon Corporation: Doug Bliler, Area Manager – Taser Division; Josh Bowling, Northeast Account Representative; Matt Karsten, Senior Sales Rep – Devices and Applications

Public: Robert Marchant, Reporter, *Greenwich Time*; Leslie Yaeger, Publisher, *Greenwich Free Press*

#### **1. Police Body Camera Informational Presentation**

Police Chief James Heavey invited the Axon Corporation to make a presentation on the capabilities of the Axon body camera. A virtual demonstration of product functions presented the hardware features and applications. BET members asked questions about software storage costs, equipment replacement, security, confidentiality, and administration. The body cameras are an evolution of the corporation's taser product enhanced with a higher resolution camera and software. The Board learned that the equipment is manufactured in Arizona and requires 8-12 weeks from order placement to completion of on-site user training. Currently costs are estimated to be \$310,022 for equipment and approximately \$173,000 annually for <https://evidence.com> storage.

Further work with the Police Department would allow for refining a comprehensive and accurate proposal.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Bowling asked how to plan “next steps”. Mr. Mason commented that the appointed BET Liaisons will aggregate BET members’ questions Chief Heavey indicated he will have the Axon proposal updated. The Axon guests were thanked for the thoroughness of the presentation that shared Chief Heavey’s goal of a 21<sup>st</sup> century Police Department.

**2. Adjournment**

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary

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William Drake, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

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Michael Mason, Chairman